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The adventures of Coco Nut, a coconut which has fallen from a palm tree in Florida, are illustrated in this booklet for elementary school students. His fall into a canal and ensuing encounters with dead and alive fish and a gadget maker (industry) are used to portray the effects of water pollution. What man can do to stop such pollution and improve the situation are emphasized. Pictures and narrative are in cartoon form. This work was prepared under an ESEA Title III contract for the Interdisciplinary Environmental Education K-12 project. (BL)

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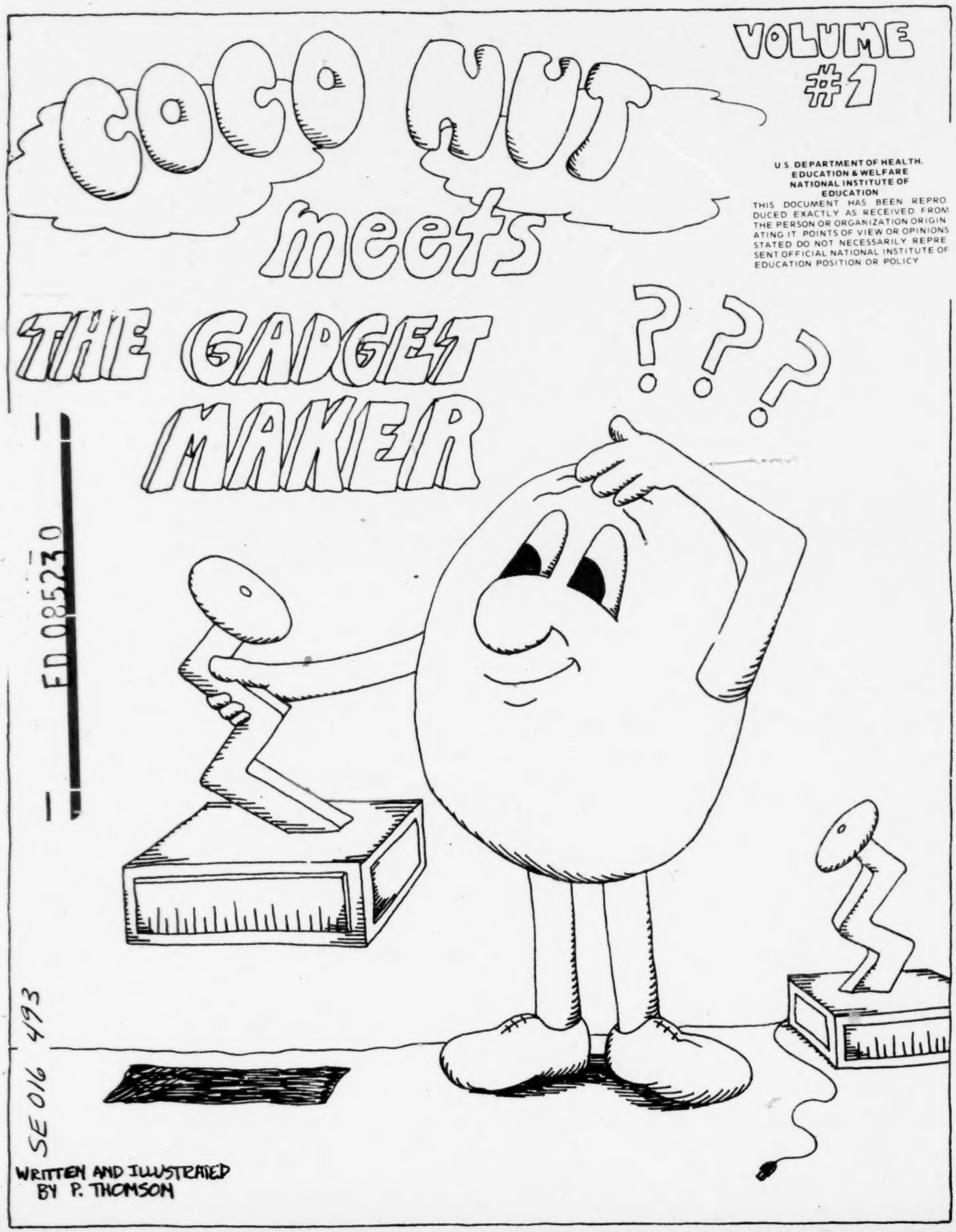

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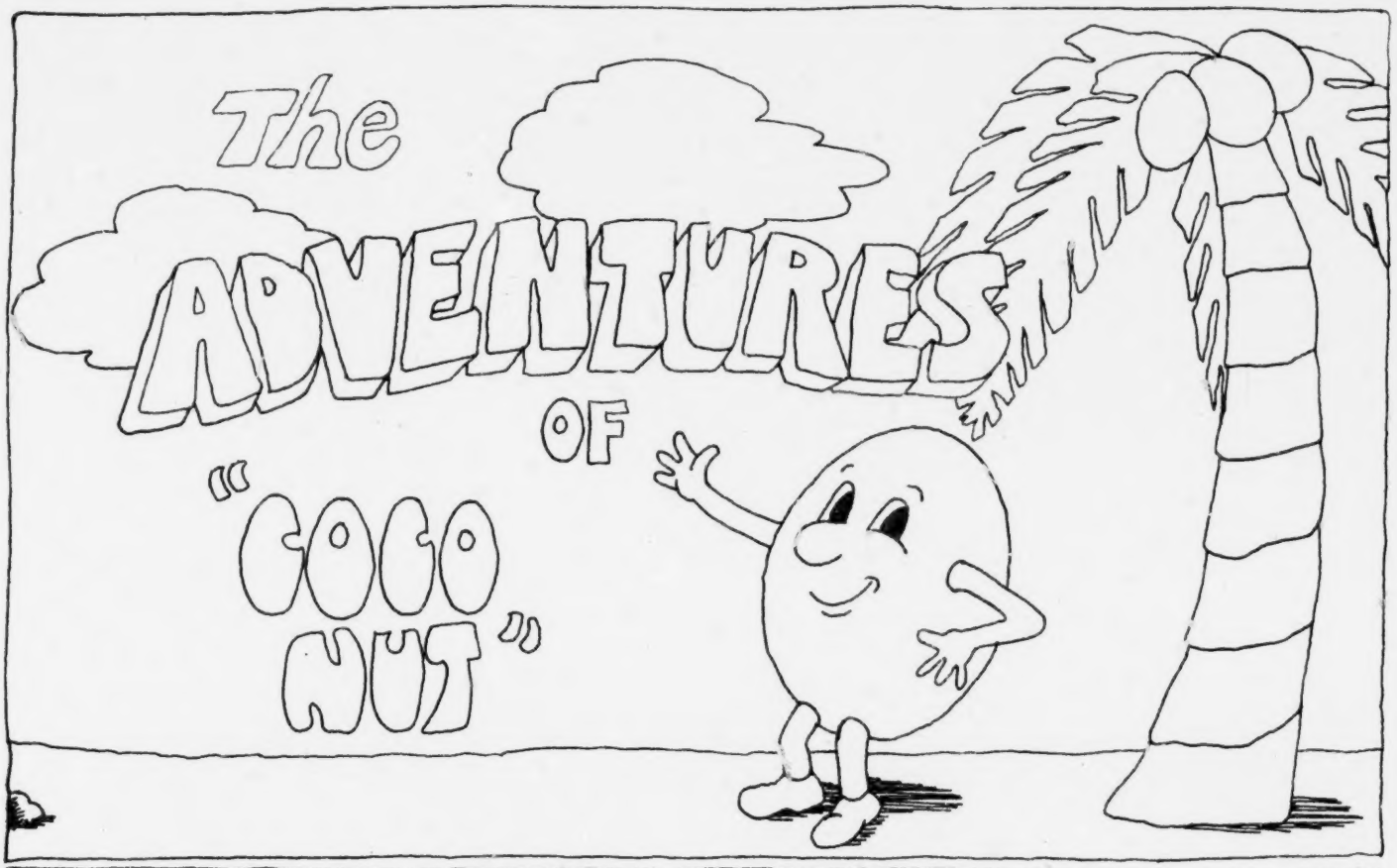
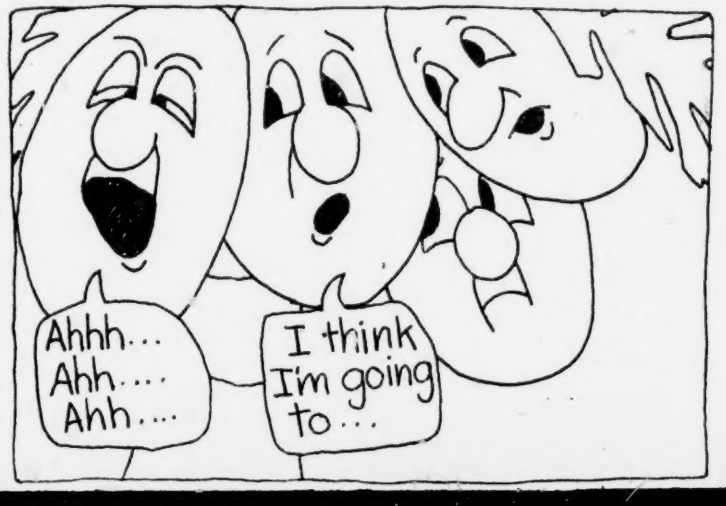
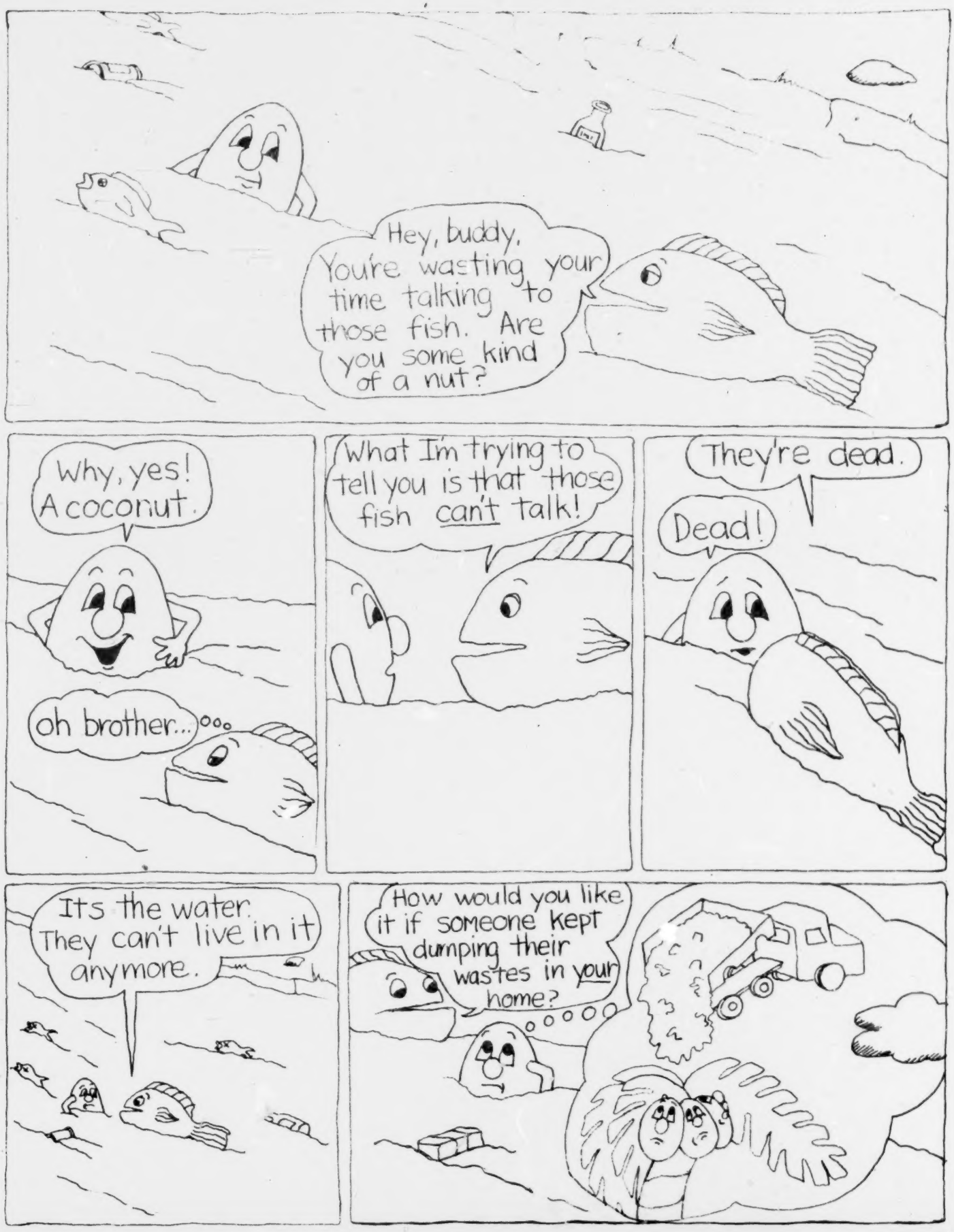

The
ADVENTURES
OF
"COCO NUT"

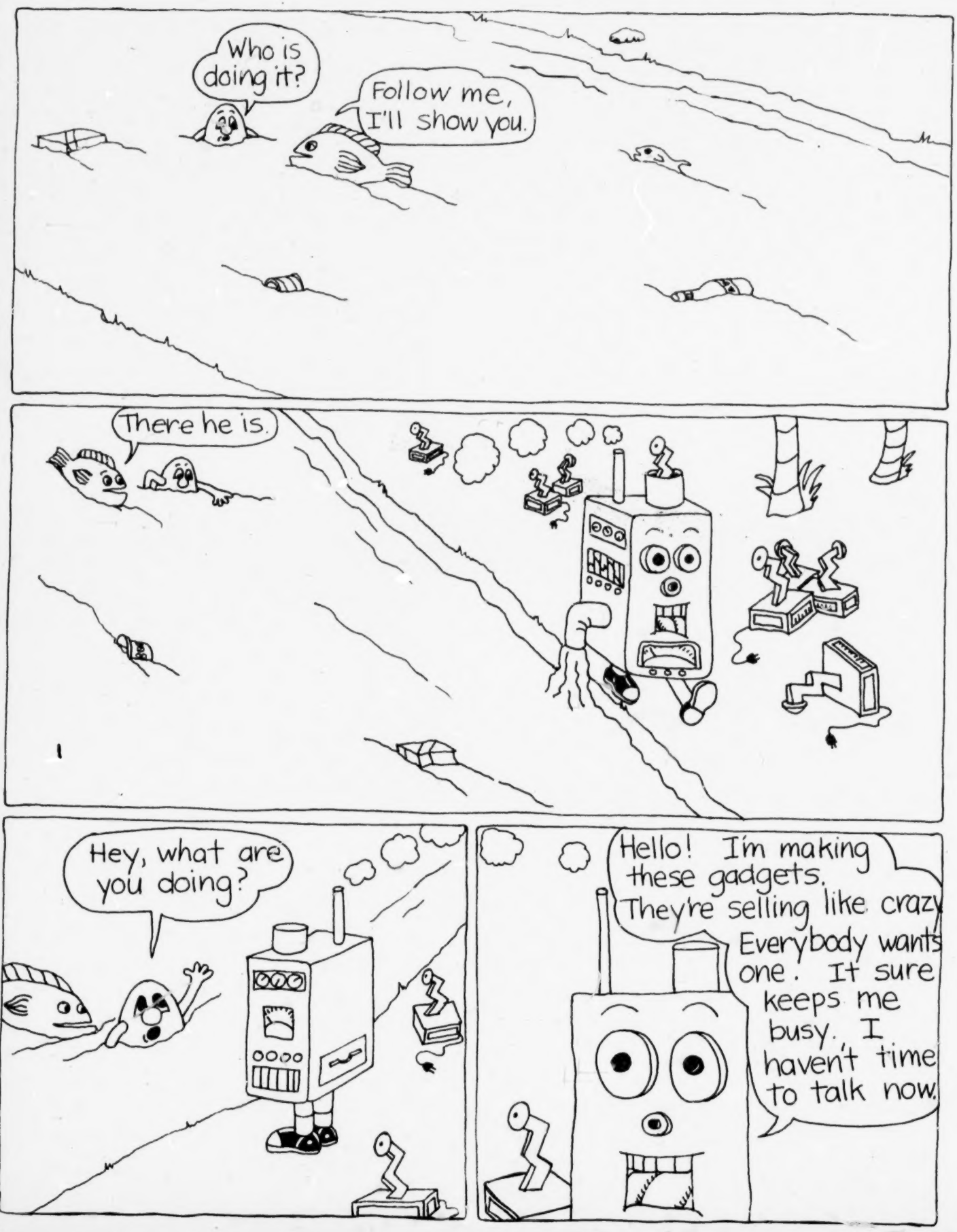
Our story begins high in the top of a Florida palm tree...
It sure is crowded up here.
You can say that again.
It sure is crowded up here.

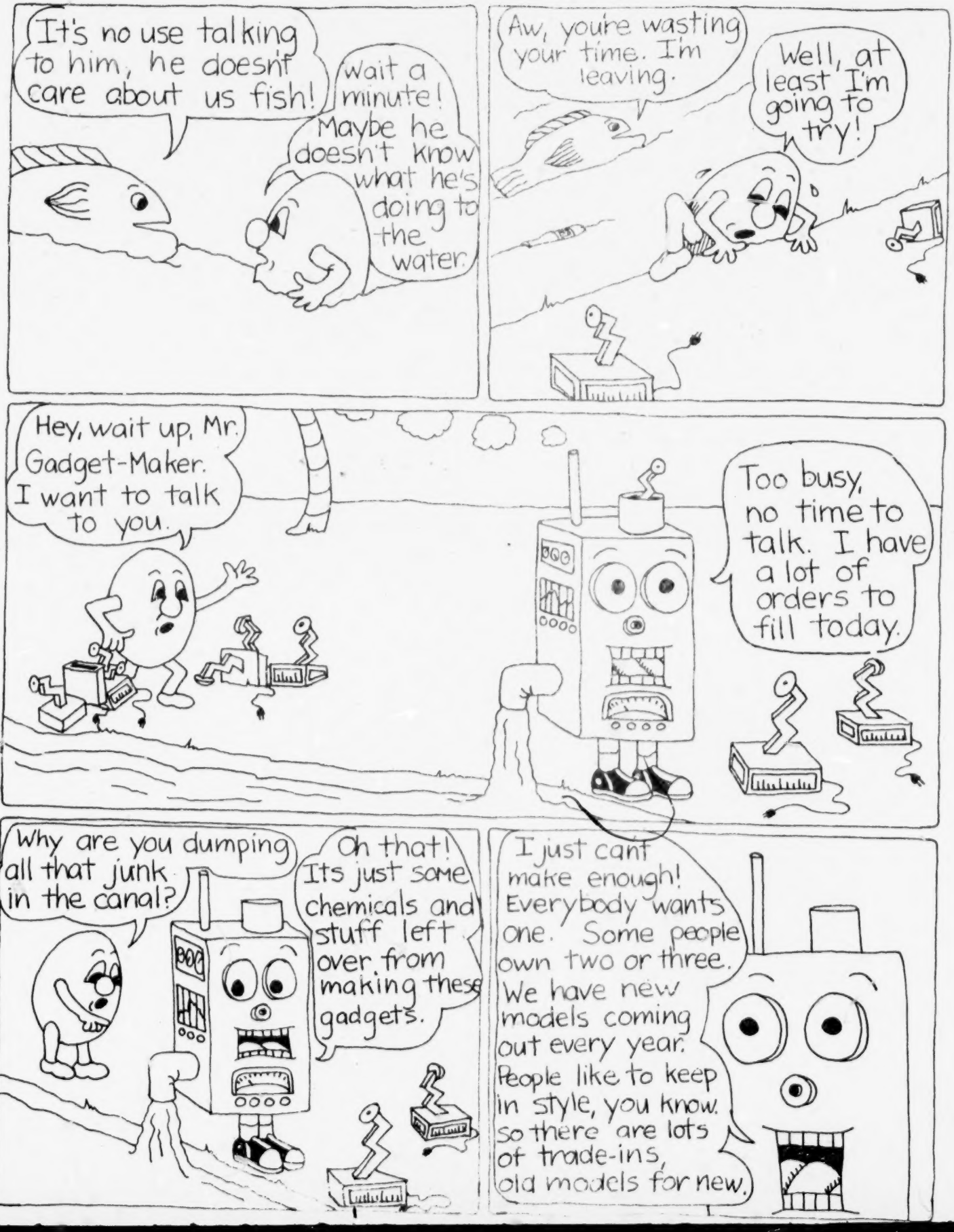
I think I'm going to sneeze!
oh, no!
The last time you sneezed we lost Harry!

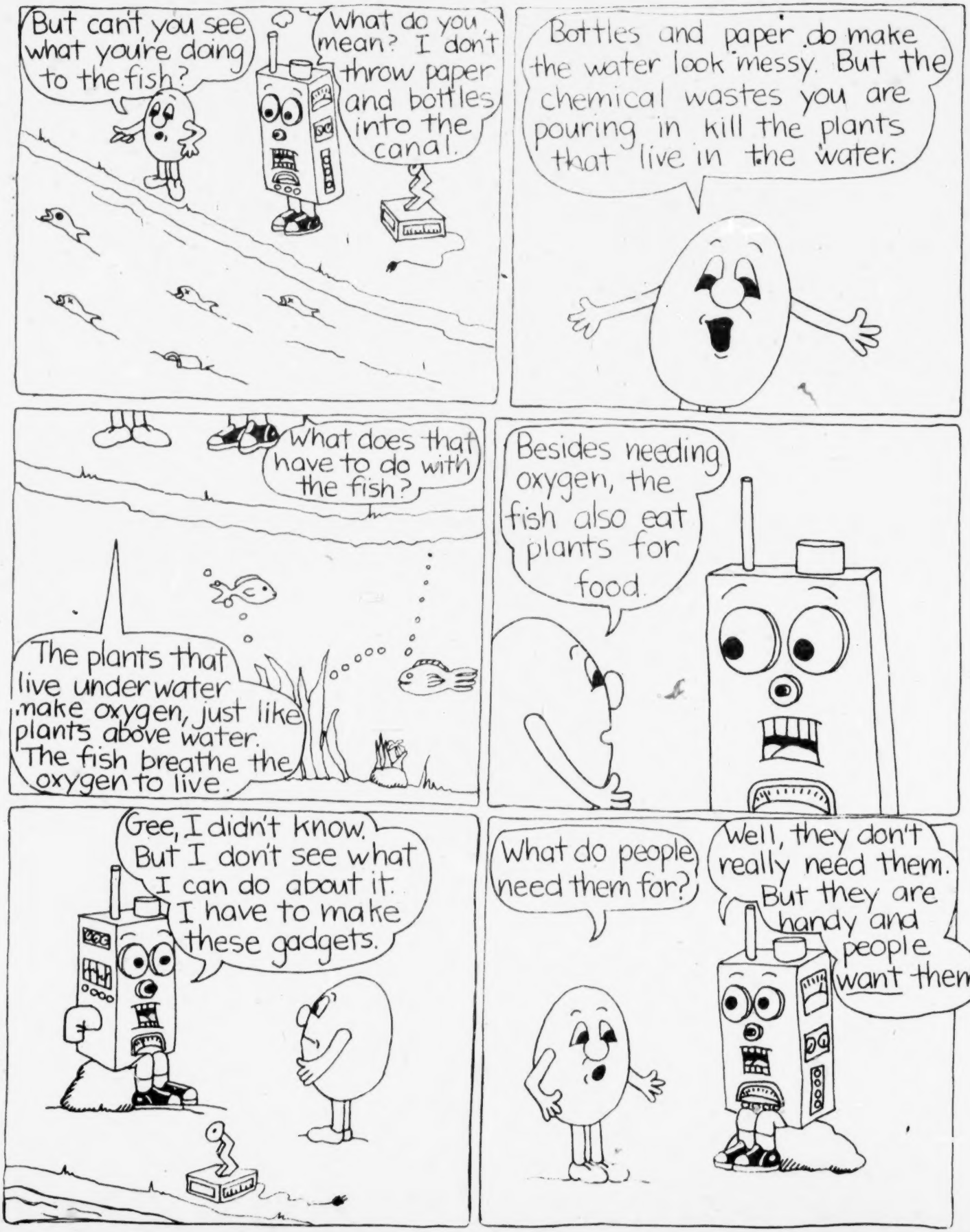

Ahhh...
Ahh....
Ahh....
I think I'm going to...

FALL!
SPLASH!
THUMP
Hey, what do you know! I can float!
Well, this isn't so bad.
Ouch! There sure is a lot of junk floating around!
Here comes somebody. Hello, hello?
Here comes another one. Hi there, hello?
Gee, doesn't anybody talk around here?


Hey, buddy. You're wasting your time talking to those fish. Are you some kind of a nut?
Why, yes! A coconut.
oh brother...
What I'm trying to tell you is that those fish can't talk!
They're dead.
Dead!
Its the water. They can't live in it anymore.
How would you like it if someone kept dumping their wastes in your home?


Who is doing it?
Follow me, I'll show you.
There he is.
Hey, what are you doing?
Hello! I'm making these gadgets. They're selling like crazy. Everybody wants one. It sure keeps me busy. I haven't time to talk now.


It's no use talking to him, he doesn't care about us fish!
Wait a minute! Maybe he doesn't know what he's doing to the water.
Aw, you're wasting your time. I'm leaving.
Well, at least I'm going to try!
Hey, wait up, Mr. Gadget-Maker. I want to talk to you.
Too busy, no time to talk. I have a lot of orders to fill today.
Why are you dumping all that junk in the canal?
Oh that! Its just some chemicals and stuff left over from making these gadgets.
I just cant make enough! Everybody wants one. Some people own two or three. We have new models coming out every year. People like to keep in style, you know. so there are lots of trade-ins, old models for new.


But can't you see what you're doing to the fish?
What do you mean? I don't throw paper and bottles into the canal.
Bottles and paper do make the water look messy. But the chemical wastes you are pouring in kill the plants that live in the water.
What does that have to do with the fish?
The plants that live under water make oxygen, just like plants above water. The fish breathe the oxygen to live.
Besides needing oxygen, the fish also eat plants for food.
Gee, I didn't know. But I don't see what I can do about it. I have to make these gadgets.
What do people need them for?
Well, they don't really need them. But they are handy and people want them

But people can't want to kill the fish. They need fish for food.
I wish there was something I could do.
Well, if people won't do without gadgets, maybe instead of making fancy new models, you could make one that lasted longer.
Then you wouldn't have to make so many.
Hey! I'll bet I could!
So long, Coco! I'll be seeing you.
Where are you going?
I'm going to find a safe place to dump these wastes where they won't hurt anything.
The end
Kids!
Don't miss the next exciting
ADVENTURES OF "COCO NUT"